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W. T. LOVE & SONS MAY GO IN PACKING PLANT

Release From Ice Venture Gives Mr. Love Time and Capital For Enterprise Worth Millions to This Section

The sale of the Crystal Ice & Coal Co. by W. T. Love & Sons of this city last week may mean more for Elizabeth City than appears on the face of the deal. It has been no secret for a year or more that Mr. Love wanted to get out of the ice business. The one business that has always most appealed to Mr. Love is the meat business. For years he has had in mind establishing a packing plant at Elizabeth City. He has the ground for the plant and he was contemplating going into the packing business when he got hold of the Crystal Ice & Coal Co. a few years ago. That ice business was a Jonah and having gotten into it Mr. Love could find not a minute of spare time to devote to anything else. His packing house plans had to be shelved.

But now Mr. Love is rid of the ice business, he has the site for his packing plant, he has something like \$100,000 idle capital as a result of his sale of the ice plant to E. C. Conger and associates; and he has his indomitable energy and desire to do things.

This newspaper has asked Mr. Love if he was ready to consider the establishment of a packing house now that he was free to pursue this enterprise. He would not commit himself, but the suggestion brought smiles to his face and he talked freely about the opportunities here for such an enterprise. He said he might have something to say later.

Elizabeth City and northeastern North Carolina are ready to get behind Mr. Love or any other capitalist on a packing house proposition. It is generally conceded that a packing house at Elizabeth City, providing a year round market for the hogs, cattle and sheep of northeastern North Carolina would be worth millions to this city and section. It would mean increased pork and beef production and higher prices for the grower of these products.

A comprehensive idea of the amount of live stock available for a packing house at Elizabeth City may be gained from the State Auditor's Report for the year 1918, this being the latest report available from that office.

There are ten northeastern North Carolina counties of which Elizabeth City is the logical market and distributing center. Those counties, in alphabetical order, are Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

The ten counties named listed for taxation in 1918, 109,018 hogs, 38,568 cattle and 13,917 sheep. With this number shown on the tax books there probably were thousands of animals not listed. Placing a low average valuation of \$20 a head on the 161,503 food animals produced in these ten counties gives us a \$3,230,060 supply of meat to draw from.

Some interesting facts are developed in a study of the tax lists indicated. Hyde county leads in the production of cattle with 6,238 head. Gates leads in the production of pork with 15,360 hogs. Pasquotank leads in sheep production only, with 2,460 sheep.

The production of cattle, hogs and sheep by counties is here appended.

County	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Camden	3,280	7,495	1,456
Currituck	4,102	11,666	2,205
Chowan	2,432	11,563	642
Dare	1,694	2,103	350
Gates	4,579	15,360	1,391
Hyde	6,238	11,591	2,109
Pasquotank	5,054	13,112	2,460
Perquimans	4,600	13,989	1,315
Tyrrell	3,381	11,599	1,286
Washington	3,208	10,540	703
Total	38,568	109,018	13,917

COWS IN DEMAND

There is a strong demand for good milk cows in this section. If you have a cow to sell you can find a quick cash buyer by placing an advertisement in the classified columns of this newspaper.

HOW TO KILL CANNAS

Miles Jennings, plow manufacturer and junk dealer of this city, has discovered a sure way to kill canna lilies. If your wife has patiently succeeded in getting these highly decorative plants to grow along side that unsightly fence and in front and along side the house, all you have to do to destroy the gaudy product of her labors is to pour kerosene on the cannas. It kills them everytime. Mr. Jennings says he made the discovery in an attempt to destroy the breeding places of mosquitoes over his house. He had an idea that mosquitoes were breeding in the cannas and he sprinkled the cannas with kerosene oil. Next morning every canna was dead and Miles might have been laid up in a hospital, but for the fact that he beat a hasty retreat from home and didn't show up for his meals all day.

SOLDIERS CONDEMN CONSCRIPTION BILL

Declare League of Nations a Snare and a Fraud If Conscription is Necessary

This newspaper is advised that Washington has not yet recovered from the shock of the terrific, and wholly unexpected, attack upon the Chamberlain-Kahn conscription bill made by the National Guard Association of the United States which is holding its annual conference in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory in New York City. Every member of the House and Senate Military Affairs Committees received last week a telegram, stating definitely and explicitly that the men who carried the day at Chateau Thierry and the Argonne, are in no mood to trifle with permanent peace time training and conscription in America. That telegram, which was only partially carried by the press associations, deserves rehearsal as full:

"Four million veterans of the great war are a sufficient nucleus for the organization of any army which may be required for some time to come.

"The American people will not tolerate the ruthless abandonment of a policy which created a great civil army which answered the call, never flinched in the face of the severest fire, and whose record of achievement stands as a guarantee of its ability to handle any situation which may confront it.

"The Chamberlain-Kahn bill abolishes the citizen soldiery of the United States which public sentiment demands shall be the backbone of its military strength; and, at a time when the people are struggling under the burden of excessive taxation, creates at enormous expense, the machinery for the establishment in America of that detestable Prussian system which is abhorrent to the American people.

"The League of Nations and the Chamberlain-Kahn bill can never go hand in hand.

"Either the League of Nations is a snare and a delusion or there is no necessity for the passage of the Chamberlain-Kahn bill.

"The Chamberlain-Kahn bill is the swan song of the General Staff. Failing utterly in its efforts to secure necessary recruits for the regular army it now attempts in time of peace under the guise of a universal service bill to resort to conscription, and to seize from their homes the youth of America for service in the regular army in the Philippines, in Hawaii, in Porto Rico, in the Canal Zone and even in Russia should the military dictator created by the provisions of this vicious bill determine that the emergency demanded it.

"The Chamberlain-Kahn bill destroys and replaces a stigma upon the citizen soldiery which bore the brunt of fighting as shock troops, and creates a centralized military oligarchy with dangerous potentialities for political abuse, and the destruction of the freedom which is vital to the existence of the country.

"Therefore the National Guard Association of the United States, through its officers, executive and legislative committees in conference assembled, representing that great body of citizen soldiers whose record of efficiency entitles it to the fullest measure of support, opposes the passage of the Chamberlain-Kahn Bill."

CITY MANAGER PLANS MORE PAVED STREETS

Board of Aldermen May Spend \$80,000 for Additional Brick Thoroughfares

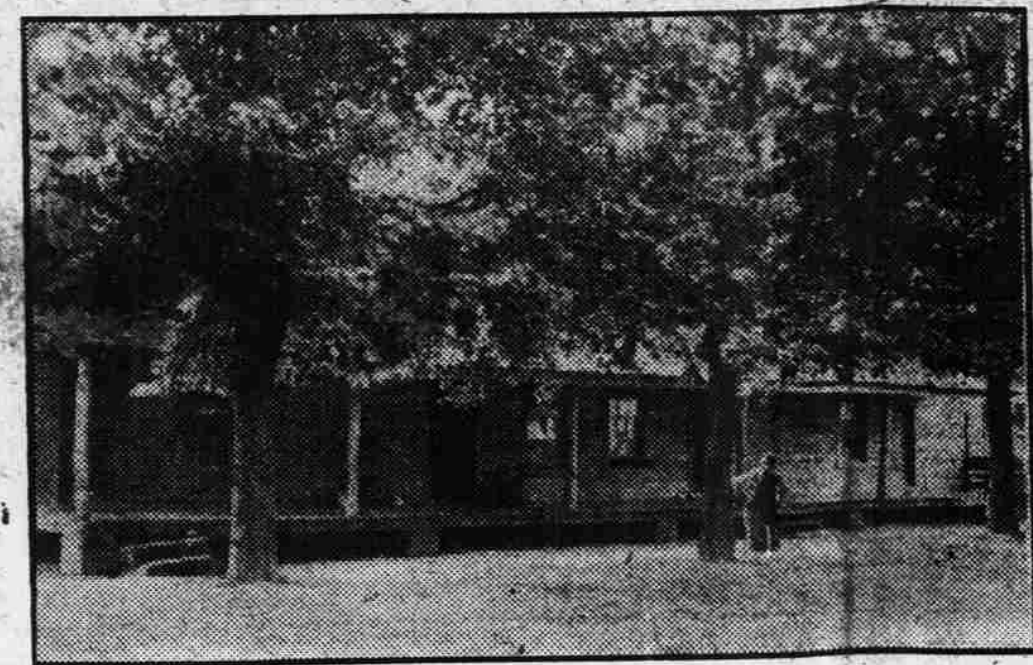
Between 3 and 4 miles of paved streets will be built in the course of the coming year, at a cost of around \$80,000, if City Manager Simonds' plans for additional paving are favorably passed upon by the Board of Aldermen at their next meeting. The streets first paved will be those whose residents have already been promised paving, as far as this is in accord with the best interests of the town as a whole. Those main arteries of traffic not yet paved will naturally come in for first consideration, and, while Mr. Simonds has not stated which streets will first be paved, it is believed that south Martin, Cypress and west Pearl streets will be among those first paved.

It is likewise planned to put down about 4 miles of additional concrete sidewalks during the coming year. The first new sidewalk will be laid on west Main street, from the end of the existing paved sidewalk on the north side of the street to the Norfolk Southern depot. City Manager Simonds hopes to put down this new concrete walk before the winter, so that persons on their way to or from the depot will not be compelled to wade through mud and water on a half-mile stretch, as has been the case in previous winters since the building of the new passenger station.

TYPHOID IN FIRST WARD

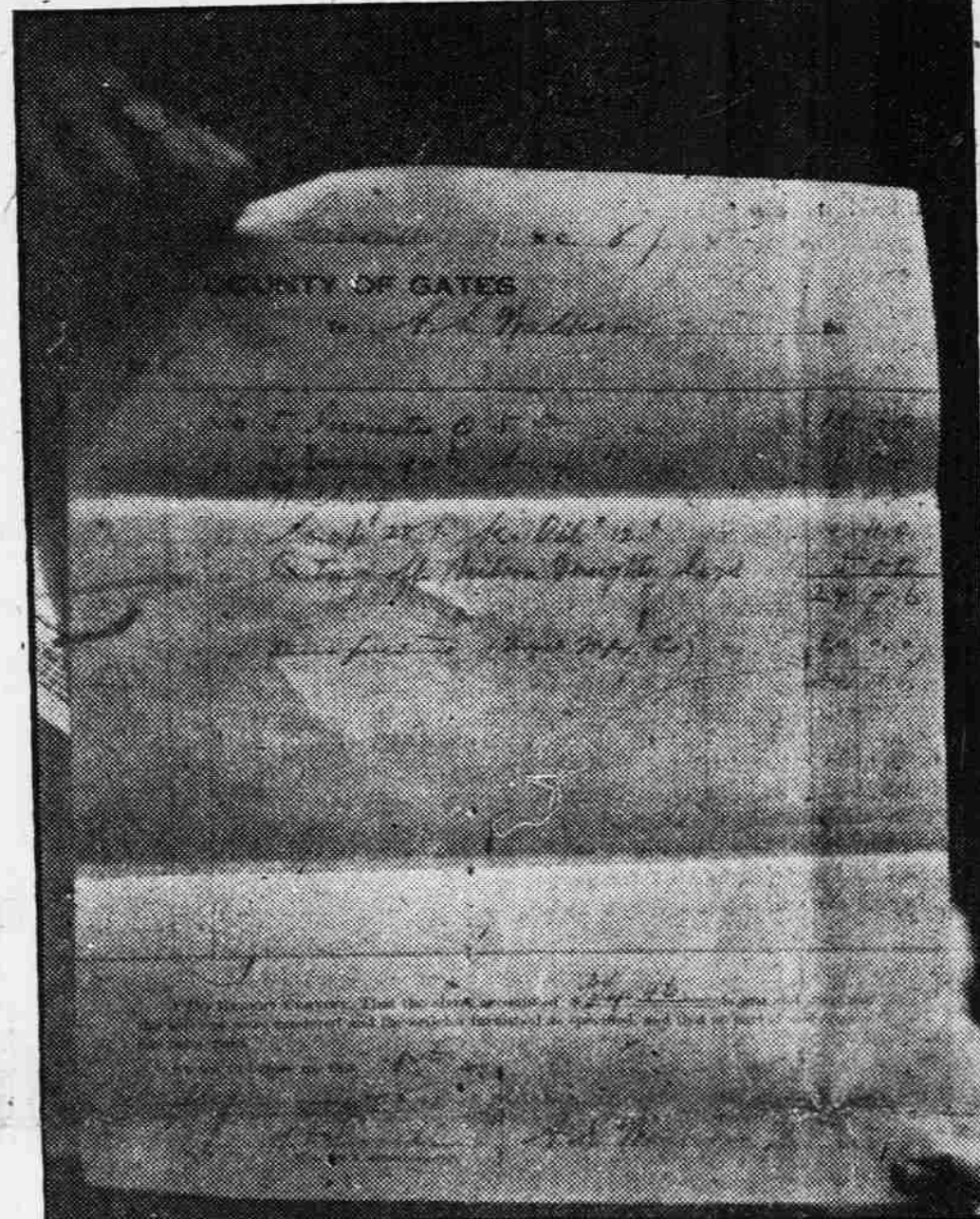
City Health Officer Dr. Wm. A. Peters reports 11 cases of typhoid fever in the First Ward and warns against infection. He says there is much filth in the First Ward.

Photographs That Tell The Horrible Story



The Gates County Home for the Poor

A PARTIAL VIEW of the County Home of Gates county. In two ramshackle shanties of this type are housed the indigent poor who have fallen in the battle of life and rely upon that county for food, raiment and shelter.



This Photograph Does Not Lie

LAST week this newspaper told the remarkable story of how A. S. Walker, keeper of the County Home of Gates County, cut off the legs of Nelson Doughty, an inmate of that institution using a hand saw and a butcher knife. The County Commissioners of Gates paid Walker \$5 for the operation. Here then is a true photographic copy of Walker's sworn statement in which is noted the charge of \$5 "for cutting off Nelson Doughty's legs." Photo by W. O. Saunders.

NO SCARCITY OF LABOR FOR ROAD BUILDING HERE

Road Engineer's Office Swamped With Applicants for Jobs in Reply to Ad in This Paper

In response to an advertisement for both common and skilled labor for work on Pasquotank county brick roads, published in this newspaper last week, 112 men applied for jobs at the office of Road Engineer Higgs in the Hinton building last Saturday. Applicants are still flocking in and Engineer Higgs says he will have no trouble in getting all the labor needed. He has discovered two things from his one advertisement in this newspaper; one is, everybody reads THE INDEPENDENT; the other is, there are a lot of men in this town out of jobs.

The first piece of permanent road construction to be undertaken by the Pasquotank Highway Commission will be a three mile section at Weeksville, taking care of one of the worst pieces of swamp road in the county. This road will be undertaken first because material especially required for this job can be obtained at once. There will be a delay of a few weeks in getting material for other work. It is hoped to have material on hand to begin the construction of roads from Elizabeth City by Sept. 15.

PLENTY OF CORN LIQUOR

Reports that Elizabeth City is a dry town are not true. There is an abundance of corn liquor being manufactured in this vicinity and sold in Elizabeth City, according to information which flows into police headquarters.

NO EXAGGERATION

I do not make exaggerated statements about my work. Very remarkable results often follow the correction of bad vision by properly fitted glasses. It does not follow that bad eyes are responsible for all ills and that the fitting of eye glasses is a panacea for every ailment. My especial claim to your patronage is based upon my long experience coupled with my unusual facilities for testing the vision, grinding the lenses and fitting the glasses on the premises. Upon investigation you will find that I can give you the same service you would expect to find in a metropolitan city.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY
Optometrist
Phone 999 Bradford Bldg.

NELSON DOUGHTY

THIS is Nelson Doughty, the victim of the barbarous "surgery" of the keeper of the Gates County Poor Home. Nelson is just an idiotic, helpless, friendless black boy. In the severe winter of December 1917 his feet froze, due to lack of clothing and fuel provided at the County Home. He was permitted to crawl about with his dead feet until they began to rot and fall off from the bone. And the keeper of the County Home took a hand saw and a butcher knife and cut off the offensive members, just below the knees. The Board of Commissioners of Gates County paid the keeper \$5 for his sorry job. This did not occur among the Bolsheviks in Siberia, nor among the Huns in Belgium prior to the signing of the armistice. It occurred in the Christian county of Gates, famed for its robust Americanism and its bald-headed piety. Only this newspaper has dared to get the facts and give them to the public. Gates county will redeem itself in the eyes of the outside world not until it has inflicted the severest possible penalties upon the men in authority in that county who permitted this barbarous deed. The fact that the victim of the horror is only an ignorant, friendless Negro makes the infamy all the more damnable. The accompanying illustration is from a photo by W. O. Saunders.

SOY BEAN WORMS MAY BE BACK IN 3 WEEKS

State Entomologist Studying Pests at This City Advises Farmers to Use Poisons

Studying the soy-bean worm at his laboratory station near Elizabeth City, Franklin Sherman, Chief of the Division of Entomology, has found some important facts this insect pest and believes that it will attack again in about three weeks at which time another brood will have been hatched out. The following information, secured through Mr. Sherman's observations, will be of interest to farmers in the affected districts:

"The great bulk of the worm which have caused the damage are now maturing; they must now change to the chrysalis, then to the moths, the moths must lay eggs, and eggs must hatch, before another destructive generation. We are, therefore, now due to have an interval of about three weeks during which the worms will be less numerous—of course there will be some present all the time. During this interval the beans should recover to a large extent for the worms do not (except in worst cases) eat the older leaves, and they do not eat the growing bud.

"Between the 1st and 10th of September the next brood of worms is due to hatch out, and, if they are numerous enough to be destructive they should make their presence evident before September 15th. Whether they will be numerous enough to make treatments necessary no living man can foretell. You can figure the probabilities either way from the following established facts: (1) The insect has been with us many years, but this is the first time it has been very serious. This would lead us to believe that the next generation may fall to its usual inconspicuous level, but—(2) On the other hand I have observed only a very small percentage to be attacked by other insects, parasites, or disease, and this would lead to the belief that the next generation may be fully as large as this one. As between these two lines of reasoning I incline to the optimistic belief that the next generation will be noticeable, but not so destructive as the present generation.

"The remedy? Poisons,—same materials and same methods of applying as for potato-beetles. But nobody knows, yet, what strength of poisons the bean plants can stand, and we know that Paris Green is apt to burn leaves. We are giving the preference to a dry dust mixture at rate of 1 pound powdered arsenate of lead to 8 pounds slaked (dust, or hydrated) lime. Dust on lightly and evenly, enough to whiten the young leaves to top part of the plant. My own tests show this to be a good remedy, and we have reason to believe that it will be safe to use the forage if it stands in field 2 weeks or more after treating,—but we expect to test this matter and announce results before time to use the hay.

"And if a merchant or farmer lays in a stock of the remedy which there is no present use for, it will still be useful next spring for potato-beetles, tobacco worms, caterpillars, or any other leaf-eating insects."

COULDN'T BRIBE POLICE WITH COIN OR WHISKEY

Capt. Gaskins Tried It and Must Serve Six Months for His Liquor Venture

Fifty dollars in cash and five cases of whiskey were offered by Capt. Ben Gaskins of the schooner "Jessie Irving" to Chief of Police Holmes, officer Rough-ton and Capt. W. J. Simmons respectively, as an inducement not to prosecute him, when these officers discovered 266 quarts of bottled in bond booze on Capt. Gaskins' schooner.

The above startling attempt at bribery was brought out in the testimony of Chief Holmes in the trial of Capt. Gaskins on charges of transporting liquor and having same in his possession for sale, in the Elizabeth City police court Tuesday morning. From the evidence it appears that Capt. Gaskins expected by the sale of his cargo of contraband liquid refreshment to finish paying for his vessel, which it would have taken many trips with legal cargoes to pay for. Thus, like many another man, Capt. Gaskins succumbed to the lure of big profits offered by the violation of the law, and unlike many others, this old grizzled shipmaster was not slick enough to get by with his months in the county jail on each of the two charges, and was placed under a bond of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of Superior Court.

NAGS HEAD VISITED BY A LUMP FROM HEAVEN

Flaming Meteor Size of An Auto Body Hits Beach at N. C. Resort

Early risers at Nags Head Saturday morning Aug. 9, were astonished to see a flaming meteor come hurtling through the heavens, and fall at the north end of the summer colony on the ocean side at about 5 A. M. The glare of the strange object could be seen for an hour or more, and the odor of burning sulphur was plainly noticeable until late in the morning.

During the month of August falling stars are more frequent than at any other time of the year, and they are a source of never-ending delight to spooners at the seashore and elsewhere after nightfall, but it is comparatively rare for these bits of cosmic dust to reach the earth. The meteor which fell at Nags Head Saturday is described as being a mass of molten metal about the size of an automobile body. No damage was done by the celestial visitor, except to the nerves of those who occupy the nearby summer cottages.

TELLS DEMOCRATS NOT TO DESERT PARTY RECKLESSLY

If Wilson Administration is Disappointing, There is No Hope For Relief at Hands of Not Less Reactionary Republican Party

By W. O. SAUNDERS

DETERMINED TO MISLEAD PUBLIC

By W. O. SAUNDERS

The State Highway Commission offers to grant the Pasquotank Highway Commission State and Federal aid on that link of the proposed district highway, from Elizabeth City to the Perquimans county line.

In order to get this state and federal aid some one must put up a sum of money equivalent to the amount of state and federal aid to be granted.

The District Highway Commission has not a dollar to put up to avail itself of this state and federal aid. The District Highway Commission has not sold a bond and can't find a purchaser for its bonds. No reputable firm of attorneys will approve its bonds. The District Highway Commission can not meet the State Highway Commission's requirements.

If Pasquotank puts up the money, out of its own road funds, to secure state and federal aid for the link between Elizabeth City and the Perquimans line, then there will be no district highway because Pasquotank will expect every county in the district to build its own part of the highway.

These are the hard incontrovertible facts which so called friends of the Ferabee District Highway project have all along endeavored to conceal from the public. It is to some one's interest to try to make the public believe that some one in Pasquotank is trying to obstruct the District Highway scheme, when, as a matter of fact, there is absolutely nothing to obstruct.

I said to Floyd J. Triplett, the press agent of the four flushers: "Why not be honest with your public and candidly tell them that your District Highway Commission has no money with which to build a single foot of road?"

"We don't like to admit that," replied the unctuous Triplett. "We prefer to keep our courage up. It wouldn't encourage our people to let them know that they haven't any money."

DR. SHAP-PELL DEPARTS FOR NEW AND UNPLOUGHED FIELDS

Dr. I. D. Chappell, horse doctor and horse race promoter, who has held forth at the old Fair Grounds at Elizabeth City for the past year, has pulled up stakes and left town, leaving a lot of weeping butchers, bakers and candle stick makers without so much as his address.

Dr. Chappell is a French Canadian, lean and lanky and lengthy of nose. He talks cleverly and finds it easy to obtain credit from gullible merchants in a strange country.

When last seen in this part of the state Dr. Chappell was at Sunbury, Gates county, Monday evening, Aug. 4. He was driving a horse to a racing sulky. Dr. Chappell pronounces his name Shap-pell, with emphasis on the pell.

SHILOH TOWNSHIP GETS OUT OF PAUPER CLASS

Value of Real and Personal Property in That Township Nearly Doubles Under Revaluation

Revaluation of property in Shiloh Township, Camden county, under the Revaluation Act of 1919 results in an increase of 4,551 acres of land listed in that township and a total increase of \$832,156.00 in tax values. To this increase is to be added 18,080 acres of timber land owned by lumber corporations.

The number of acres of land listed in Shiloh township in 1917 was 39,339. Revaluation has uncovered 23,890 acres.

The value of all real and personal property in Shiloh township as listed for 1917 was \$318,132. Revaluation has uncovered \$1,150,288.

According to the Tax Supervisor of Camden County, 95 per cent of the tax payers of Shiloh township have responded cheerfully to the Revaluation Act and given practically correct valuations of their real and personal property.

District Supervisor P. H. Williams, himself a native of Camden county, proposes Three Cheers for Shiloh Township.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF BOILER AT NICANOR, N. C.

As the result of a boiler explosion at a small saw mill at Nicanor last Friday, L. B. Winslow, a prominent farmer and merchant of that place was instantly killed. He was scalded and his body badly mutilated by flying debris. The deceased was a brother of J. D. Winslow of this city, and was well known in Elizabeth City business circles.

PASQUOTANK GETS FIRST ROAD BUILDING MACHINE

Two steam rollers and other machinery to be used in the construction of brick roads in Pasquotank county arrived at Elizabeth City this week. Those steam rollers look like business.

I have visited as many as eight northeastern North Carolina counties recently and met and talked with scores of men from as many more counties. One thing I hear repeatedly from the lips of men who have voted the Democratic ticket all their lives: "I have voted the Democratic ticket all my life, but I don't expect to vote it again."

I have heard this so frequently of late that I would be inclined to believe that the Democratic party had gone by the board in Northeastern North Carolina, if I didn't know the fickleness and uncertainty of human nature. I know that thousands who are tired and disgusted with things as they are will go right on voting the Democratic ticket in the next election, just as they have always done. I know they will do this because there is nothing else for them to do. NO DISSATISFIED DEMOCRAT CAN GAIN ANYTHING BY GOING OVER TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. The Republican party hasn't a single reform to offer and its platform in the next campaign will differ from the Democratic platform only in phraseology and trifles. It is now generally known that the same plutocratic interests will finance the campaigns of both parties, and the plutocratic interests will be the winners, no matter which party gets the reins of power.

My advice to my friends throughout this district is to stand by the party of their fathers until something radically more attractive is offered them. Conditions are rapidly shaping themselves in this country for a political realignment. It will only be a question of time when Democratic and Republican bosses and campaign managers will openly unite and declare themselves as of one party in name as in fact. Immediately before or after that open alliance of the reactionaries a new party will spring into being in this country, a party whose principles will be not altogether unlike those of the National Labor Party and the Nonpartisan League. Such a party will make a strong appeal to the farmer and workingman. The dissatisfied Democrat who is doing nothing and trusting to blind fate for political relief can do well to wait another season, since waiting has been our lifelong attitude.

What shall it profit a man to swap a blind jackass for a spavined elephant? Can a party controlled by Root, Lodge and a Penrose offer you anything better than a party controlled by a Ryan, a Murphy and a Wilson?

In your own state, can you expect better representation in Congress from a C. R. Pugh and a Marion Butler, than from John H. Small and F. M. Simmons?

In your own county, can you expect better government at the hands of Mr. J. Q. A. Wood and Mr. Jack Menden than from the splendid men who fill most of your county and municipal offices?

Take your postoffice for instance: Could you get better service from a W. H. Keaton, the last Republican appointee, than from your present highly efficient Democrat, Dr. A. L. Pedleton? Again, my advice is, stand by the party you have always been affiliated with, until some party that can offer you definite promises of reform is born. As things now stand I wouldn't advise either a Republican or a Democrat to change his yoke. Moving from one neighborhood to another, just to be moving, without bettering one's environment and opportunities is a foolish and expensive experiment. For my part, I am going to stand by the party I was born in until she reforms or busts. I'm dead sure she'll do one or the other in another four years.

DR. JULIAN W. SELIG ATTENDING CONVENTION

Dr. J. W. Selig, optometrist, left Thursday for a trip through New York state. While away Dr. Selig will attend the New York State Optical convention at Rochester, N. Y. He expects to be back in his office on Monday, Aug. 25th.